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TO : Special Assistant to Assistant Director, RR DATE: 3 November 1952

FROM : Acting Chief, Basic Intelligence Division, RR

SUBJECT: JIC 490/19 series (Current Basic Intelligence on the USSR
Satellites and Communist China as of 1 June 52, and Supplement
thereto)

1. I have looked into the question of how JIC is producing subject documents and find that they are made up from contributions submitted by Army, Navy, and Air Force. I understand that these contributions are prepared, to a large extent, by the same components in these agencies that contribute to the NIE and NIS Programs.

2. There is some duplication of NIS, but these documents are essentially an "estimate" type of study which goes far beyond anything contained in the NIS. The basic intelligence contained in the JIC studies tends to duplicate NIS only in the Chapter I area, where the salient basic intelligence aspects of the NIS area as a whole will be presented. However, the JIC study presents the basic intelligence aspects of the Soviet bloc as a whole, whereas, the NIS will present this intelligence on each individual NIS area. No NIS Chapter I has been produced thus far on any bloc country so the JIC studies do not duplicate any published NIS.

3. Supplement I of the JIC study deals entirely with Soviet capabilities and probable courses of action in event of war, which seems to duplicate the NIE type of study rather than NIS.

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